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I believe the US Government should settle its antitrust suit against Microsoft immediately. The current proposed settlement should be approved and implemented as soon as possible.

This lawsuit never, in any way, represented the interests of consumers.

Microsoft has had a long track record of developing and selling software products that consumer like and use. The company's growth and profits are evidence of this. On the other hand, no credible evidence was ever presented during the trial (or after) to show that Microsoft ever did anything that was against consumer interests. Clearly this lawsuit never had any basis in fact and never should have been undertaken.

In fact, the lawsuit, itself, has caused major harm to consumers and to the entire US economy. Also, the government's reputation as being objective and fair has been seriously eroded. In short, the whole process has been a disgrace to justice and an insult to American consumers.

I have worked in the semiconductor industry for 30 years and have had many dealings with Microsoft as well as many of Microsoft's competitors. Also, I have personally used many products from Microsoft and from its competitors. Based on my long experience with technical products it is very clear to me why Microsoft's competitors have not prevailed in the marketplace.

This lawsuit has clearly been shown to be nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt by weak competitors to do serious harm to a more successful company. This is very disgraceful behavior! For the government to continue to perpetuate this case would be a major miscarriage of justice.

Respectfully, Don Phillips, Palo Alto, CA